



## **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

Dear Students and Families:

The past few weeks at WGSS have been very eventful. As you know, we hosted our first set of parent-teacher interviews for the school year. We appreciate all the families that were able to come to WGSS and connect with our teachers about student learning. Our staff really appreciate the opportunity to connect with families and I am hopeful that families found the opportunity to be a helpful one also. As always, if you ever have questions or concerns about your child's learning you can reach out to your child's teacher at any time.

Next Wednesday we will be hosting our Fall Music Concert. Next Thursday we will be hosting our Remembrance Day assemblies. Our student and staff team have done a wonderful job of putting together an assembly that will honour our veterans and the sacrifices that they have made. The following website has a number of resources that might be helpful in terms of honouring our [Veterans](#).

Thursday of next week is National Indigenous Veterans Day. This is a day of remembrance and commemoration of the contributions of Indigenous veterans in WWI, WWII, as well as the Korean War. National Indigenous Veterans Day began in Winnipeg in 1994 when Indigenous veterans were not previously recognized in Remembrance Day activities and is now celebrated in many communities across Canada. Over 12,000 Indigenous people are estimated to have volunteered in all three wars, including 7,000 First Nations members, and approximately 300 died during these conflicts. To learn more about our Indigenous Veterans, please see below:

- [Canadian Indigenous Veterans](#)
- [Forgotten Warriors](#) documentary
- [Right to Play Website](#)

This past week we hosted our Graduation Assessments where grade 10 and 12 students wrote the Provincial Literacy Assessment, for their respective grade levels. We appreciate all the work of our staff who help students to prepare for these assessments. In addition, we appreciate the cooperation of our students and staff as we know that while the assessments are happening in the library, it is not accessible to students and staff as it normally is.



Of course, yesterday was Halloween! It was fantastic to see so many students and staff dressed up and enjoying the Halloween spirit. Thanks to our student council who hosted the annual costume competition! Huge thanks to our students who for the most part made great choices around Halloween costumes to ensure that costumes were respectful and appropriate while continuing to cultivate the spirit of Halloween.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend.

*Mr. Jeremy Lyndon*

Proud Principal





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## Halloween 2024







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## MORE CELEBRATIONS...




### DIÁ DE LOS MUERTOS

This beautiful holiday blends Mexico's indigenous roots with its colonial culture from Catholic Spain.


It is a holiday to pay respects to our loved ones who have passed on and remember that our family and friends don't leave us but are still with us in death.

Families in Mexico welcome the deceased with an ofrenda—or offering—of candles, their favourite foods, and decorations like the marigold flower and calaveras—or skulls.



### Diwali


**LIGHT OVER DARKNESS, GOOD OVER EVIL, KNOWLEDGE OVER IGNORANCE, THIS FESTIVAL OF LIGHT IS CELEBRATED ACROSS SOUTH ASIA AND THE SOUTH ASIAN DIASPORIC COMMUNITIES.**



**FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY LIGHT DIVAS, CREATE RANGOLIS, AND INDULGE IN SWEETS TO CELEBRATE.**


## WGSS WISHES OUR COMMUNITY A

### HAPPY DIWALI




(Oct 31-Nov 1)

### AND



### Día de los Muertos

Nov 1-2

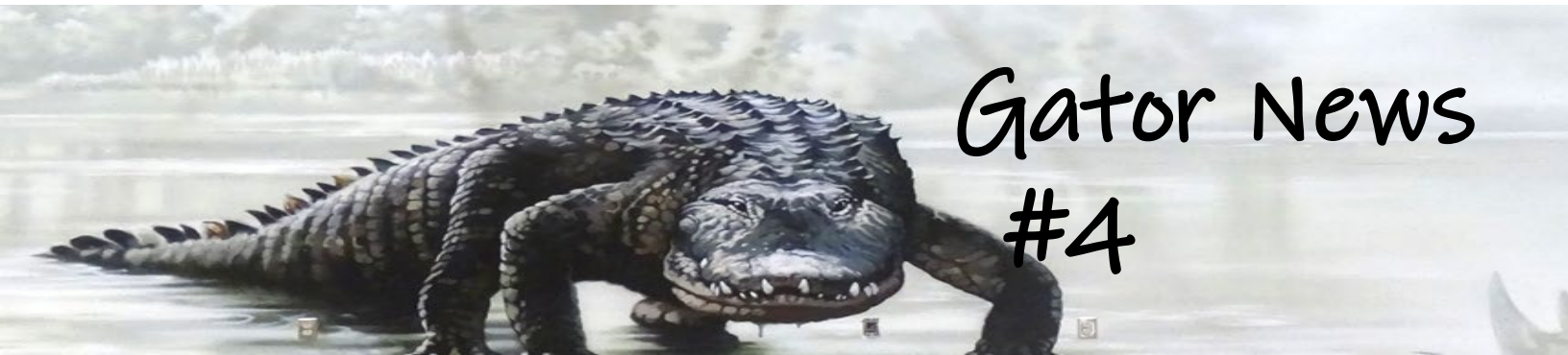






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### IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, November 5	Dry Grad meeting @ 6:30PM in WGSS Library
Thursday, November 7	Remembrance Day Assembly
Friday, November 8	Design and Assessment Day, students do not attend
Monday, November 11	Remembrance Day, school closed
Tuesday, November 12	PAC meeting @ 7PM in WGSS Library

*It is a long-standing tradition for schools to support our veterans and the efforts of the [Royal Canadian Legion](#). Once again this year, our school will be receiving a poppy for every student and distributing them to classes. We will continue to collect funds this year in support of the Legion's Poppy Campaign but kindly ask students and their families to donate online via School Cash Online: <https://sd35.schoolcashonline.com/>. Please do not send cash or cheques with your child to school. If you need assistance accessing School Cash Online, please contact the school office.*

*We appreciate your generosity. As always, our school is committed to educating our community about the meaning of the poppy and Remembrance Day.*

### VIBRANT PHOTO

We are happy to provide your students and their parents with three upcoming photo session options:

**Grad family photo session**-grad can where full cap and gown and get pictures take with their entire family

or

**Grad friendship photos**- groups up to 15

If you are interested in either or both sessions please book on the link below. You will also find photo samples and full instructions with this link.

[https://form.jotform.com/Vibrant\\_Photos/NOV\\_2024\\_Grad\\_Special\\_Photo\\_Session](https://form.jotform.com/Vibrant_Photos/NOV_2024_Grad_Special_Photo_Session)

**School day photo session** for anyone student that missed or would like retakes. This photo session is not for grad photos. Please click on the link below to register.

[https://form.jotform.com/Vibrant\\_Photos/November\\_9th\\_Studio\\_Retake\\_Photos](https://form.jotform.com/Vibrant_Photos/November_9th_Studio_Retake_Photos)



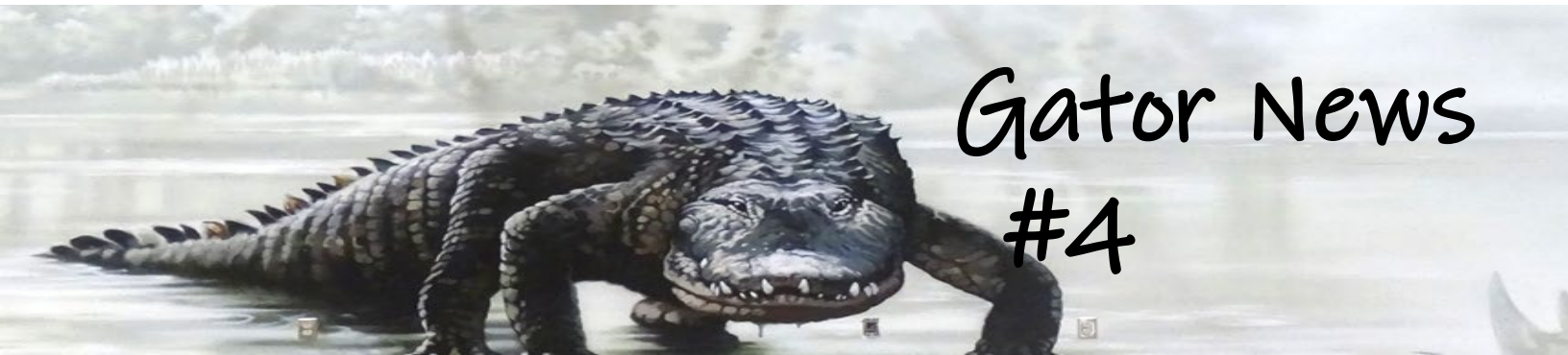


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## GATOR ATHLETICS

Last week, the Cross Country Team competed in the EVAA Championships in Aldergrove. All our athletes raced hard and represented WGSS well. We had ten runners place in the top 10 for their division and the Grade 8 Boys and Senior Girls Teams both won first place banners! The Senior Girls and Boys Teams along with Abby S., Xavier S., and Jonathan P. will be competing at the Provincial Championships this Saturday in Vancouver.





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We are so very PROUD of our Gator swimmers who had some very strong results this past weekend as they competed at the BCSS Eastern Fraser Valley Zone Swim Meet. A few of our swimmers have earned a spot at the BC Swim Provincials!

The following swimmers have placed at Provincials in individual events: Sammi B. (50 free and 100 free), Peiliang W. (50 back), Oleh K. (100 breast 200 IM), Danny P. (100 fly, 200 IM), and Niko Z. (50 breast, 100 IM). Also, Swimmers who competed in the following relays have made it to Provincials: B Mixed 200 IM Relay, B Mixed 200 m Free Relay, Open Mixed 200 m Free Relay, and Open Boys 200m Free Relay.

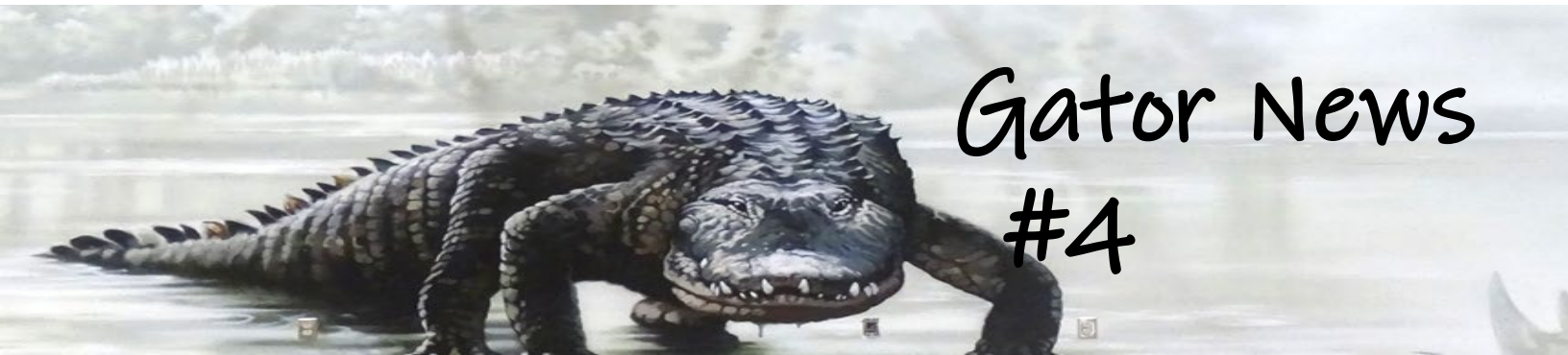




### **INFORMATION ABOUT SCHOOL STATUS DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER**

Snow closures and power outages are an annual occurrence in the Langley School District. So, where do you go to get information about the status of schools during periods of inclement weather? If you are able to access the internet via computer or smartphone, current information about Langley schools can be accessed on all school websites or [www.sd35.bc.ca](http://www.sd35.bc.ca). Updates are also posted to X (formerly Twitter) @LangleySchools and Facebook at [www.facebook.com/langleyschooldistrict](https://www.facebook.com/langleyschooldistrict). If you don't have internet connectivity but your phone is working, call a relative or friend in an area that has not been affected by the storm and ask them to check the district website for you. Local radio stations are also informed of school status in Langley. Tune in to CKWX 1130AM, CKNW 980AM, Country Radio 107.1FM, Pulse 107.7 or CBC 690AM or 88.1FM for updates.

Please note that Langley District schools are all considered 'open' until a decision to close is required. Decisions on school closures are usually made by 6:30am. As always, it is a parent's decision whether to send their child to school based on safety and individual circumstances. If you feel it is unsafe for you or your child to travel to or attend an open school for any reason, please keep your child home and report an absence to the school.



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**PLAY**  
PRESENTS



**Disney THE LITTLE MERMAID**

**Music by**  
**ALAN MENKEN**

**Lyrics by**  
**HOWARD ASHMAN & GLENN SLATER**

**Book by**  
**DOUG WRIGHT**

Based on the Hans Christian Andersen story and the Disney film produced by Howard Ashman & John Musker  
written & directed by John Musker & Ron Clements.

**NOVEMBER 8TH, 9TH AND 10TH**

Friday, Saturday and Sunday Night 7pm  
Saturday and Sunday Matinee 2pm  
Tues Nov 5th ONLY. Family Karaoke Night

\$24 Regular Admission  
\$17 Students (7-17yrs) and Seniors 60+  
\$10 Kids (6yrs and under)  
\$5 Karaoke Night General Admission

**CHIEF SEPASS THEATRE, FORT LANGLEY - 9096 TRATTLE ST.**  
**www.playsociety.ca info@playsociety.ca 604-768-6597**

DISNEY'S THE LITTLE MERMAID is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).  
All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.MTIShows.com





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A festive winter market poster for Gordon Greenwood Elementary. The background is a light teal color with white snowflakes. At the top, a banner reads "GORDON GREENWOOD ELEMENTARY" in green capital letters. Below the banner are colorful Christmas lights and a yellow star. The main title "Winter market" is in large, bold, black letters with a white outline. To the left of the title are illustrations of a man and a child. To the right is a woman holding a red jacket. Below the title is a banner that says "eat, drink, shop & be merry!" in red cursive. A calendar icon shows "SATURDAY NOV. 23" in red and "10:00 - 3:00" in black. Below the calendar are illustrations of a food truck, a red mug with a candy cane, and people shopping. At the bottom, the address "9175 206 Street, Langley" is written in white on a green background.

GORDON GREENWOOD ELEMENTARY

# Winter market

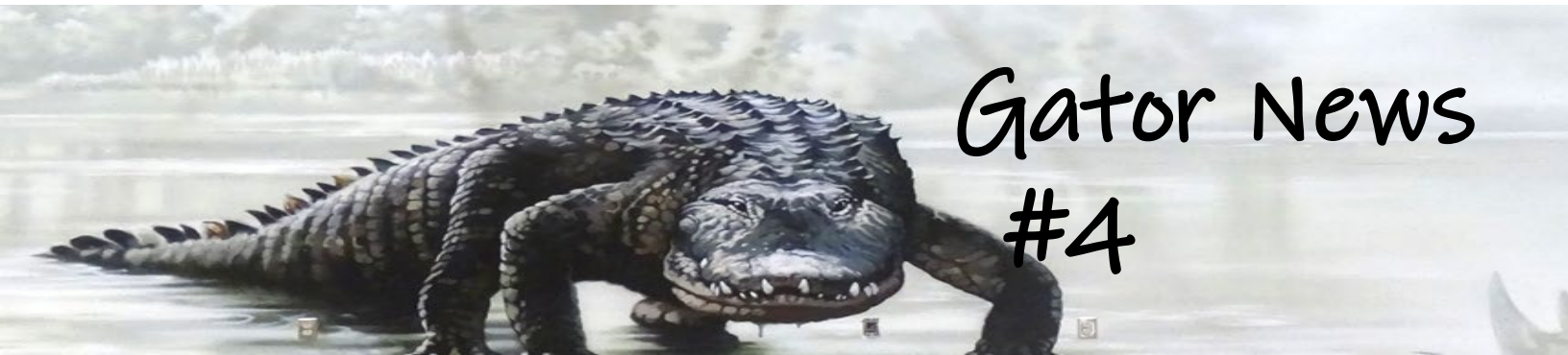
eat, drink, shop & be merry!

FOOD AND BEVERAGE TRUCKS

OVER 40 LOCAL VENDORS AND MORE!

SATURDAY  
**NOV. 23**  
10:00 - 3:00

9175 206 Street, Langley



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**YOU'RE INVITED!**

ENTRY BY \$ OR FOOD DONATION

**JAMES KENNEDY★  
ELEMENTARY**

*Christmas*

**CRAFT  
MARKET**

40+ VENDORS  
CONCESSION  
PHOTOS WITH SANTA

**SAT. NOVEMBER 30TH**  
FROM 11 AM TO 4 PM

9060 212TH ST  
LANGLEY







## **PAC MESSAGE**

Hello and Happy Friday from your WGSS PAC!

We held our second PAC meeting of the year on Tuesday, October 8, and were happy to see more parents join us this time. PAC meetings are open to every parent or guardian of a WGSS student. Whether your child is in Grade 8 or Grade 12, we would love to see you there and hear your concerns.

The PAC Executive is currently preparing for the November meeting, at which we will be presenting funding requests to be voted on. Every high school annually receives funds from the BC Gaming Commission, which are disbursed by the PAC and used for extracurricular activities. Funding Request forms went out to student clubs and teachers at the end of September. The PAC Executive vets the requests for eligibility (the use of gaming funds is tightly regulated and not all requests are eligible), and eligible requests will be presented at the November meeting for attending parents to vote on. This is probably the most fun meeting of the year - it's wonderful to see what our student clubs, athletic teams, and various teaching departments envision for the growth and benefit of our students. We'd love to see as many of you as possible on November 12 at 7 pm in the library. Come and let your vote count!

The PAC is also starting to think about succession planning. Every member of the Executive is also "graduating" this year - our children are either in Grade 12 or the positions are ineligible for another term, which means we need an entirely new set of parents to volunteer to run the PAC next year. We'd love to have a plan in place for who is going to take over from us. The position of Treasurer especially requires some advance planning and training for whoever is going to take over, and we are all here to help to ensure a smooth transition.

Having said that, the position of District PAC Representative is currently open, and we would love to see it filled as soon as possible. The District PAC meets once a month on a Thursday at 7 pm. Meetings alternate between in-person at the School District office and virtual, and the DPAC rep then attends the next PAC meeting to report on what's happening in the district. If you think you might be interested, please email us at [contact.wgsspac@gmail.com](mailto:contact.wgsspac@gmail.com).



Finally, we'd like to ask you again to donate to your PAC. Our fundraising flyer is attached. Every penny helps us raise money for things we can't use Gaming Commission funds for, primarily student scholarships. No amount is too small, and we very much appreciate your help.

Thank you,

*Your WGSS PAC*

*Find us on Facebook/ Meta as "WGSS PAC", or on our website: [wgsspac.ca](http://wgsspac.ca), or email us at [contact.wgsspac@gmail.com](mailto:contact.wgsspac@gmail.com).*

Here are the dates for PAC Meetings for the 2024 – 2025 school year.

- November 12
- December – no meeting
- January 14
- February 11
- March – no meeting
- April 8
- May 13
- June 10 (Regular PAC Meeting and Annual General Meeting)





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## ONE & DONE FUNDRAISER

### No selling required! Just your support!

Now that elementary school is behind you, you're probably ready to leave behind all those requests to sell or volunteer! We get it, and we won't ask you to do either.

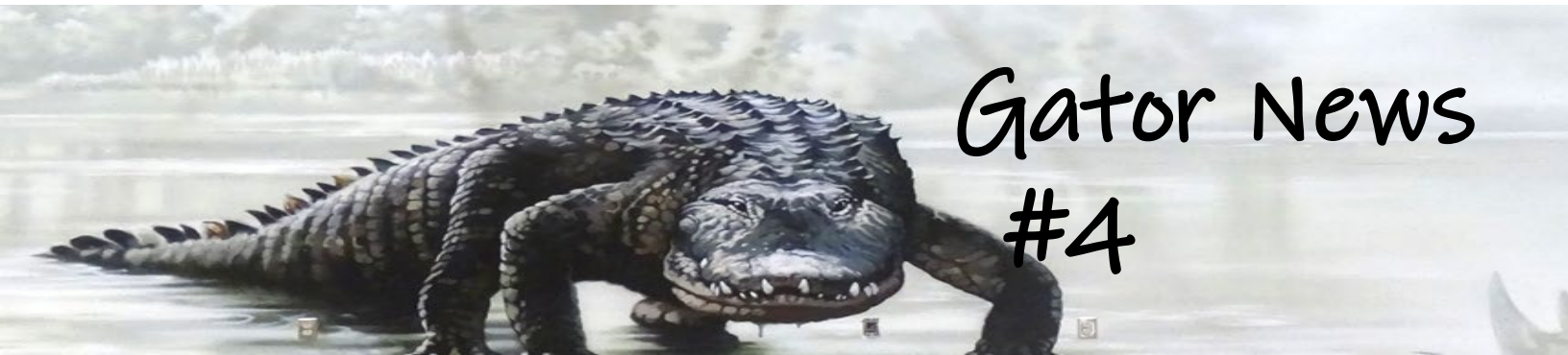
However, the PAC still needs your support. We continue to fund important school programs and requests that go beyond the standard curriculum, enriching our students' educational experience.

Please consider making a contribution through our ONE-AND-DONE fundraiser. A simple donation—no selling, no volunteering required—just your generous support to help keep these programs going!



Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to donate on School Cash Online towards **PAC Donations**

- ✓ **\$15** - Bidding wars at a silent auction? No, thanks!
- ✓ **\$10** - Chasing down corporate sponsors? No, thanks!
- ✓ **\$5** - Selling chocolates or wrapping paper to my friends and family? No, thanks!
- ✓ **Other** - I love this school and I am happy to help!



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### DRY GRAD 2025 NEWS

We encourage all parents/guardians of Grade 12 students to attend and learn how you can help and get involved in organizing a great and safe event for the Grads of 2025! You can also find us on Facebook at Walnut Grove Secondary Dry Grad 2025.

All meetings will be held in the **WGSS Library from 6:30-7:30PM**

**Tuesday, November 5**

Tuesday, December 3

Tuesday, January 7

Tuesday, January 28

Tuesday, February 18

Tuesday, March 11

Future Meeting dates will be determined.

**WGSS 2025 Dry Grad Fundraiser!**

**Neufeld**  
FARM MARKET

Ordering window open from November 15th- midnight on December 2nd

Order Pick up: December 10th at 7:30pm @WGSS

Watch for the ordering link in the school newsletter!

Thank you for SUPPORTING!

**WGSS GATORS**





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**WGSS** 

**DRY GRAD 2025  
FUNDRAISER**



**Supporting a Cause Never  
Tasted So Good!**

Buy your favourite chocolates to support **WGSS Dry Grad**



Go to <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1978848-120223> or Scan QR 

Place your order by **November 20, 2024**

Pick up Date: **December 4th, 3pm-4pm** at **WGSS**

Contact **Erin Heutink** at [erinheutinksoftball@gmail.com](mailto:erinheutinksoftball@gmail.com)  
for more details.

 **CANADA'S CHOCOLATIER SINCE 1907**





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## *Fairy Godmother Foundation*

### Are you in need of grad wear for prom?

The Fairy Godmother Foundation is here to help! We provide FREE grad wear (dresses, suits, shoes, accessories) to students who may not be able to afford them, ensuring everyone has the chance to celebrate this special milestone.

#### Who Can Apply?

Any high school student in need of assistance with prom attire.

#### How to Apply:

Visit your school counselor and let them know you'd like to be considered for assistance.

Once applications are reviewed your counsellor will contact you with further details

Let us help you feel like the star you truly are on your big night!

Our team is excited to work with you to find the perfect outfit for your prom night!

**The Fairy Godmother Foundation –  
Where every student deserves to shine!**

**\*Apply ASAP as space is limited\***

For more information, ask your counsellor

